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APPLICANT : Rolando Barbucci)
SERIAL NO. : 09/830,744) Art Unit: 1623
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TITLE : Cross-linked Process of Carboxy-)
lated Polysaccharides)

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TO: EXAMINER KRISHNAN

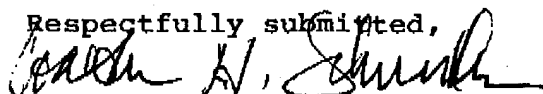
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RE: AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

Per your telephone message of 11/24/03, there is forwarded herewith a copy of the Amendment After Final filed 10/30/03. Also forwarded is a copy of Applicant's request for an extension of time of two months. Finally, there is also forwarded a copy of Applicant's return receipt postcard showing receipt by the PTO of both documents on 10/30/03.

Your prompt consideration of this Amendment and a preliminary response by fax or telephone is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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